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**REP. RANDOLPH CONDEMNS REPUBLICAN UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BILL**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Representative Scott Randolph (D-Orlando), Democratic ranking member on the House Finance and Tax Committee, offered the following statement:

“It is clear to me that the goal of the Unemployment Compensation Bill is to punish unemployed Floridians during a period of considerable economic turmoil and low job opportunity,” said Rep. Randolph.

“I cannot understand why this legislature is so intent on making it increasingly difficult for these same Floridians to find jobs. Just yesterday, the Governor rejected funding for the high-speed rail project, which would have created thousands of jobs in our state. Instead of focusing on job creation, the governor and the Republican-led Legislature appears more interested in punishing out-of-work Floridians for their own failure to stimulate job growth.

“Apparently this legislature won’t be satisfied until it has forced unemployed Floridians out of their homes, onto food stamps and into Medicaid, with no job prospects in the near future. For the good of our state, we should not allow this bill to become law.”

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